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>Chairman Phil Isenberg
>MLPA Task Force
>c/o Resources Agency
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>via E-Mail
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>Dear Chairman Isenberg:
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>Package S does little to take advantage of socio-economic benefits we
>could derive from MLPA, such as eco-tourism in the Monterey Bay area
>(including diving). As an avid diver and biologist (M.S.
>2003), it is apparent that Package S does not afford enough protection
>in deeper offshore waters, which would negatively affect food sources
>for sea birds, marine mammals, and larger fish.
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>We do not benefit by adopting minimum requirements in any situation and
>experience leads me to believe the minimum size acceptable to the
>Science Advisory Team will not be as effective as larger and more
>connected reserves. Minimums cannot take into account unforeseen
>ecological factors that may diminish effectiveness of the MLPAs as
>proposed.
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>Monterey and Pacific Grove must have more reserves and high-protection
>areas than Package S offers. The Carmel Pinnacles Reserve must be large
>enough to cover the spots of greatest value to Monterey's commercial
>dive boat fleet.
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>I support Package 2 as the most effective network proposal under your
>consideration. It is more balanced for conservation and for
>socio-economic impact than Package S.
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>Sincerely,
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